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EMPLOYMENT ORIENTED EDUCATION BY NCERT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council for Educational Research and Training has recent!)` taken any effective steps to promote employment oriented education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of efforts made by various educational institutes and the Government to promote employment oriented education in each State particularly, in Jharkhand as on date;

(d) whether the Government has taken any effective steps to promote employment oriented education through various institutions during Eleventh Five Year Plan as compared to Tenth Five year Plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a)to(e) The National Curriculum Framework (NCF) - 2005, prepared by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), has advocated institutionalizatton of work-centred education as an integrated part of the school curriculum. Syllabi and new textbooks developed by NCERT in consonance with NCF- 2005 have tried to integrate components of work across the subjects.
The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education at +2 level aims to provide diversification of educationai opportunities to enhance self- employability and to reduce the gap between demand and supply of skilled manpower and to provide an alternative for those pursuing higher education. The main objectives of scheme are to introduce vocational courses in the 11` and 12th classes in addition to mainstream courses. 82 courses were identified by Pandit Sunder Lai Sharma Central Institute of Vocational Education (PSSCIVE), Bhopal, which is a constituent unit of NCERT. Under the scheme, about 9500 schools have been approved to conduct 21000 sections with an enrollment capacity of about 10 lakhs students. The grants are provided to Sitates/UTs for conducting vocational programmes on the basis of the project proposals submitted by them. No proposal has, however, been received from State of Jharkhand during the last 3 years.
In pursuance ot the Prime Minister`s speech on Independence Day, 2006 a Task Force on Skill Development has been constituted on 6.12.2006 by the Planning Commission to suggest steps to promote vocational education and training during 1 lc Plan period and beyond.
Vocational Education courses are also offered by National Institute of Open Schooling through about 1000 Accredited Vocational Institutes spread across the country. Industrial Training Institutions, Community Polytechnics, Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Jan Shikshan Sanstham; etc. also provide employment oriented courses. In the field of higher education, University Grant Commission supports Career Oriented Programme, aimed to ensure that graduates who pass out possess knowledge, skills and aptitudes for gainful employment in the wage sector or for self-employment.